



SPELLBROOK CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



LEARN TOGETHER - ENJOY TOGETHER - SUCCEED TOGETHER

NEWSLETTER – 5th November 2021

VALUE: Trust

“Two people are better than one... If one person falls, the other can reach out to help.”
Ecclesiastes 4.9-10



These are the Peer Mediators. They help children to resolve friendship and sharing issues at playtimes and lunchtime.

They have ongoing training and support in order to develop their mediation skills.

They are getting quite confident at using their ‘conflict blockers’ to make sure that everyone involved gets listened to and fair solutions are found.

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

There are weeks in school that feel very busy but there is nothing particularly memorable or novel. This has been one of those. The positive side of that is the indication that things are running smoothly with no major issues to deal with. The downside is less to share in the newsletter. This week, as well as preparing documents and reports for Governor meetings, planning a Headteacher Review in a local school, hosting a visit from our Hertfordshire Improvement Partner and the usually weekly paperwork, I have been able to get into quite a few lessons, see what is happening and provide suggestions.

I continue to be impressed with the hard work of all of our teachers and teaching assistants and their desire to continuously develop their practise to ensure the best outcomes for the children. My focus this week has mainly been on maths and I enjoyed seeing a maths session in the hall where the children were using resources to really understand what happens when you are taking away and you need to exchange one ten into ten ones in order to complete your subtraction. This focus on visually does help children to conceptualise what they are doing when they use written calculation methods.



I have included photographs of some of the teams we have established to give children opportunities to develop leadership skills and make a positive contribution to the school. Next week we are holding parent consultations. These will be in school so that you get the opportunity to see your child’s work. I look forward to seeing you here.

Have a good weekend and stay safe, particularly if you are out enjoying fireworks and bonfires.

Kind regards,
Jeremy Fisher



This is our Eco Action Team. They have planned a number of projects and initiatives to work towards the school getting the Eco-Schools Award



This is most of our School Council. They are currently involved in planning fundraising events and choosing the charities we will support this year.

These litter picking photos were sent in and we are always pleased to encourage such helpfulness and hard work towards improving the environment.



MESSAGE FROM GREAT ST MARY'S CHURCH

Fr Simon writes:

You may have heard from the children that we've started a new theme in our collective worships. That new theme is 'Trust', and I can't help thinking that it's such an apt theme to be exploring with the children right now.

That's not just because we live in a world of so many soundbites, tweets and postings which sometimes stretch our concepts of truth and therefore trust; that's not just because our children are probably exposed - even if only occasionally by accident - to stories in newspapers and on television and radio about people who have abused a child's trust; but because many of the children are aware of so many of the world's nations gathered at the COP26 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Glasgow discussing our planet's future. Indeed, discussing our children's and grandchildren's future!



**UN CLIMATE
CHANGE
CONFERENCE
UK 2021**
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ITALY

As I write, more than 40 countries have agreed to shift away from coal. However, huge users and producers such as China, India, Australia, and the US haven't signed the agreement. That, on the face of it, may be a sad reflection of our planet's chances of keeping to a global temperature of

1.5°C above pre-industrial levels. But at least those nations are being honest.

As well as truthful commitments to reducing carbon levels in the earth's environment, surely the other crucial thing we need to come out of the COP26 conference is honesty and trust so that we all know where we stand, and how much more we will all need to do to negate the worst effects of climate change. The last thing we need, in the sounds of Greta Thunberg, is more untrustworthy 'blah, blah, blah'. The repercussions for billions of people around the globe - including our children and grandchildren - of such a thing continuing to happen would be life-altering at best.

Yours in Christ,

Fr Simon



STARS OF THE WEEK

Ruby

- ✚ Lorenzo for showing good manners and respect to others.

Sapphire

- ✚ Georgia for always concentrating and trying her best.
- ✚ Arthur for super effort in Maths.



Emerald

- ✚ Poppy-Sue for settling in well to the school.
- ✚ Elise for being helpful in the classroom.

Diamond

- ✚ Arlo for being a good friend.
- ✚ Taliya for all round effort in her learning.



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Ruby

Wren

Sapphire

Amelie



Emerald
Sienna R

Diamond
Jasper
Eshal

PE DAYS

Ruby Class – Tuesday & Thursday

Sapphire Class – Tuesday & Thursday

Emerald Class – Wednesday & Friday

Diamond Class – Monday & Wednesday



Children should come to school dressed in their PE kit. As the weather turns colder, please ensure that your child wears warm clothing i.e. navy blue PE joggers/zip-up hooded jacket and a weather-proof coat.

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

**Whole School
Attendance - 95.5%**

Whole School Target Set - 96%



Please contact school on the first day of any absence. This can be done by calling **01279 723 204**, **Option 1** and then leaving a message on the absence line.

If you are going to be late, please also advise the school office to ensure a meal is ordered in time.

NOTICES

New pick up times – from **Monday 8th November**, pick up times at the end of the day will be changing to the following:
Ruby & Sapphire – 3.15 pm
Emerald & Diamond – 3.20 pm
 Families with more than one child can do one pick up from their youngest child's pick up point at 3.20 pm.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal – poppies are available to purchase from school. Please support this worthy cause with a donation of **£1** or more.

Parents Evening – this term we are inviting parents back into school for face to face meetings. Hard copy letters have been sent home with more information. Please ensure booking slips are returned by **Monday 8th November**.

Sawbridgeworth Trust are inviting families who are in financial need to apply for their Annual Christmas Bonus. Please contact them on **01279 723 212** for an application form.

NEXT WEEK'S MENU

Day	Menu
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Beef Burger in a Bun (Red) ❖ Beany Bolognese (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Creamy Chicken Pasta (Red) ❖ Quorn Hot Dog (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Roast Chicken (Red) ❖ Crispy Topped Vegetarian Pie (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Organic Beef Lasagne (Red) ❖ Cheese Pinwheel (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Salmon Fish Fingers (Red) ❖ Cheese & Tomato Pizza (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
16/11/21 – 22/11/21	Year 5 Mini Police
02/12/21	Panto @ Southmill Arts Centre
13/12/21 – 17/12/21	PTA Christmas Shop
15/12/21	Emerald Class Swimming – Last Lesson
16/12/21	Christmas Jumper Day
16/12/21	Christmas Lunch
16/12/21	PTA Christmas Carols
17/12/21	Christmas Service @ Great St Mary's
21/12/21	Last Day of Term
05/01/22	Inset 3
06/01/22	First Day Back
14/02/22 – 18/02/22	Half Term
31/03/22	Last Day of Term
01/04/22	Inset 4
19/04/22	First Day Back
30/05/22 – 03/06/22	Half Term
06/06/22	Inset 5
08/06/22 – 10/06/22	Diamond Class Residential
20/07/22	Last Day of Term

21/07/22	Occasional Day
22/07/21	Jubilee Bank Holiday in lieu

Contact: admin@spellbrook.herts.sch.uk
 Website: www.spellbrook.herts.sch.uk

Please park SAFELY

We need everyone to play their part in keeping the roads near schools safe.

DRIVERS SHOULD NOT:

- park on yellow zig zag markings.
 - park on double yellow lines at any time, or on single yellows during restricted hours.
 - park or drive on footpaths.
 - park within 10 metres of a junction, as this decreases visibility.
 - block driveways or dropped kerbs.
- You may be issued with a fixed penalty notice. Thank you for your cooperation.



Please switch off engine when parked



In partnership with:



Sustainable Sawbridgeworth

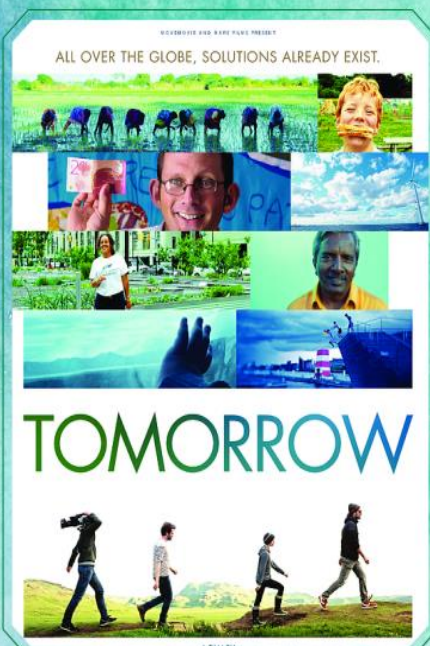
Cop26: Climate Change Film Screening

When: Sat Nov 6th, 2:30pm

Where: Bullfields, Cutforth Rd, CM21 9EA

TOMORROW

- a hopeful vision of what's possible when people come together
- practical ideas to get you thinking
- solutions from around the world.



Sustainable Sawbridgeworth: local people, sharing a passion for the environment and all things sustainable.

sustainablesawbridgeworth@gmail.com

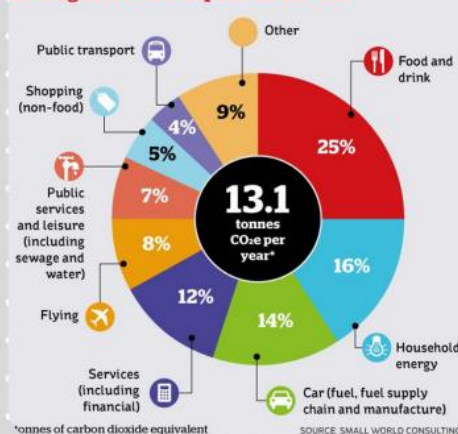
Sustainable Sawbridgeworth

Supported by East Herts Council

Sustainable Sawbridgeworth believes

- It's not just the big things but the small things that matter too.
- We can all do something to preserve and improve our environment (see below).

Average carbon footprint in the UK



Reduce: consumption, food, energy, travel and waste.

Re-use: give unwanted things to charity shops or sell eg on Facebook Marketplace.

Recycle: household council recycle bins for glass, plastic, cardboard etc and other recycling schemes.

Refill: use refillable water bottles, coffee cups, milk bottles.

YOUR FUTURE, YOUR CHOICE

We **can** make a positive difference to our local environment and the wider world.

Save the date!

**Thursday
16th December**

**Spellbrook PTA
Christmas Carol
Evening**

3.30pm onwards

More info to follow....

THE SAWBRIDGEWORTH TRUST
(United Charity 257846)
Mrs D. C. Kitson, Clerk to the Trust
11, The Forebury, Sawbridgeworth
Herts CM21 9BD
01279 723212

To Whom it May Concern
ANNUAL GRANT APPLICATION

The Trustees are now considering applications for the Annual Christmas bonus. If you have financial difficulties and feel you are in need of some help, then please apply for an Application Form. Fill it in and return it to the Clerk by Friday the 26th November 2021. If you are successful in your application, you will receive your money during the first two weeks of December.

By filling in the form and returning it, you will be kept on our mailing list. If you feel you do not wish to be included on our list then please write accordingly.

It must be noted that by sending you an application form, it does not necessarily say that you are **AUTOMATICALLY** entitled to receive a grant. Each case is looked at on an individual basis. It is in your best interest to fill in the form honestly.

I apologise if this sounds rather formal, but we do have to abide by the Charity Commissions ruling.

Diana Kitson
Clerk to the Trustees



SUPPORTING YOUR ANXIOUS TEEN

A "Zoom" workshop for Parents & Carers of young people aged 11 -16

Anxiety is one of the most common causes of distress in young people

- Understand what anxiety is and how it's linked to good emotional health
- Look at and understand the different types of anxiety and how to recognise it
- How anxiety and stress are linked
- What happens when anxiety overwhelms someone
- Share some solution focused tools to support young people handle anxiety



This unique and inspiring masterclass develops confidence in understanding anxiety and discusses how to support teens in reducing and managing stress levels and recognise their early warning signs whilst developing safe ways to deal with anxiety.

EVENT DATE AND TIME:

**TUESDAY 7TH
DECEMBER 2021
7PM -9PM
£5.00 PER HOUSEHOLD**

BOOKING INFORMATION

EMAIL ADMIN@ASPECTS.ORG.UK TO REQUEST A BOOKING FORM, OR SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW.



Alternatively call 01279 758134.

ARMISTICE DAY AND REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



ARMISTICE DAY

All are invited to attend at the War Memorial on
11 November 2021 at 11am for a two minute silence
and placing of tributes.

THE ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE AND SERVICE

Sunday 14 November 2021 at 10.50am

War Memorial in Castle Gardens,
Bishop's Stortford

All are invited to attend and
place tributes during the service

Servicemen, veterans and local organisations
are invited to participate in the parade.

Assemble at 10am at the Link Road car park.

The parade departs at 10.40am and marches to the
War Memorial arriving prior to the service.

The parade marches back to the car park after the service.

Bishop's Stortford Remembrance Parade and Service are organised by Bishop's Stortford Town Council in partnership with
Bishop's Stortford Royal British Legion.

Contact Bishop's Stortford Town Council remembrance@bishopsstortfordtc.gov.uk or call 01279 715000 for more information

MOVIE & PROSECCO
NIGHT
SHOWING

TICKETS £10PP

MAMMA MIA!
THE MOVIE

TICKETS RELEASED
SUNDAY JAN 9TH

FRIDAY 4TH FEBRUARY
PLUS AFTER PARTY
DOORS OPEN 7.30PM
PROSECCO BAR (LAST ORDERS 11PM)
SMHT IN CONJUNCTION WITH SAWBO PTA'S
TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM
WWW.SMHT.ORG.UK

THIS EVENT IS ORGANISED BY THE VOLUNTEERS OF SMHT AS A FUNDRAISER FOR THE
SAWBRIDGEWORTH MEMORIAL HALL & SAWBRIDGEWORTH PTA'S
THE FOREBURY, SAWBRIDGEWORTH, CM21 9AX